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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION STATE, USUN, INFO ANKARA, ATHENS, NICOSIA FROM LONDON 11 MAR.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 03719

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: UNSC, UK, CY
SUBJECT: CYPRUS IN SECURITY COUNCIL

THIS MORNING, MARCH 11, FCO'S ACTING SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT HEAD, WESTON, TOLD US HE WAS PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR UK MISSION NEW YORK TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION THAT MIGHT EMERGE FROM CONSULTATIONS UNDER SYG'S AEGIS EVEN IF TURKS DO NOT GO ALONG WITH IT. HE AGREED THAT US AND UK OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN TO GET SUCH TURKISH AGREEMENT TO ANY RESOLUTION PASSED, BUT FELT THAT NEW SITUATION WOULD ARISE IF SYG HIMSELF TAKES POSITION ON WORDING OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FAVORS ITS PASSAGE. WESTON THOUGHT UK WOULD HAVE TO GO ALONG.

2. WE ARGUED THAT FROM EVERYTHING WE HAD SEEN SO FAR, MOST US WOULD DO WOULD BE TO ABSTAIN. AFTER SOME MORE
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DISCUSSION, WESTON CHANGED HIS MIND. HE SAID HE WOULD

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NOW RPT. NOW DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS THAT UK VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUCH RESOLUTION PROVIDED EUROPEANS AND US ARE ALSO GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR. IF EITHER EUROPEANS OR US DECIDE NOT TO VOTE IN FAVOR, UK MISSION IS TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON.

3. COMMENT: THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE TEMPORARY RESPITE ONLY, THOUGH BRITISH CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEGOTIATIONS IN ANKARA WITH GREAT INTEREST AND MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO VOTE THE WAY WE DO IF DOING SO IS PRESENTED AS IMPORTANT FOR THE OUTCOME OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. OTHERWISE, THEY SEEM TO BE LEANING, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, TOWARD VOTE IN FAVOR.

4. BY THE WAY, WESTON TOLD US BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA WAS INSTRUCTED YESTERDAY TO SUPPORT US EFFORTS WITH TURKS ON THIS RESOLUTION, EVEN THOUGH BRITISH REALIZE THAT SECRETARY IS TRYING TO AVOID SPENDING TIME DISCUSSING THAT ASPECT OF THIS TOTAL SITUATION.

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